mance Laid Low in a Tent.

THE TIE RUDELY SEVERED

That Bound a Romany Rye to a Charmer of a Wanderer's Camp.

MARRIED UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

An Escape From England and the Strange Meeting in America.

ASHES TO ASHES WITH UNIQUE RITES ere he came.

The body was removed to the house of

It is only a page culled from the romantic lives of two vagabond Gipsies, whose ever shifting home for one brief interval rested near this city; the pathetic conclusion of a chapter in nomadic life; the joint record of two lives united to go through this world hand in hand-a bond rent asunder by the hand of death. One volume of the record was yesterday closed forever; but the pages of its companion work are yet unwritten, a single, touching tale of Gipsy life and-

On the side of a gully through which a little brook runs musingly to a larger stream a mile away, and thence makes its way into the Ohio river, there rested until vesterday morning twin pairs of tents. Unprotected by hill or woods they were open to the winter blasts from the East. The landscape is dreary and uninviting, seemingly a most congenial spot for disease and death to lurk. The monotonous noise emitted by the escape pipe of a steam-engine he will search for the friends whom Annie in a brick-yard a short distance away is the begged to come to her in her fevered frenzy. only sound which disturbs the dreary silence. The spot in which

THIS GIPSY CAMP is located is known as McCastrey's Hollow, and is near the boundary line of the city in the West End. To reach it one must wade through fields of sticky red clay.

A reporter paid a visit to the camp yesterday, to learn the story of the death, in the morning, of one of its former residents, Mrs. Annie Stanley.

The camp is at present composed of one small wall-tent. The flaps have been re- noon to the effect that, on account of conmoved, and a temporary shelter has been | tinued illness, Fanny Davenport would not formed in front of the tent by planting a appear, and there would be no performance number of poles in a semi-circle and then bending them over toward the tent and binding the tops together with willow wands. This framework is covered with coarse cotton bagging. A shed of logs and bushes stands at one side and forms a shelter for a horse. A small spring wagon and a mangy yellow cur complete the outfit.

As the reporter climbed the hill which led to the camp, he was greeted by a young lady and a gentleman who had just had their fortunes told and had evidently been informed that each of them would pass through life hand in hand with some congenial companion. Each thought the other is that she did not go with her company, but at that moment the most capable of fulfilling the necessary conditions. Little they knew of the closing scenes of a story with a preface similar to their own.

A little old woman, with a red handkerchief wrapped about her head and knotted under the chin, greeted the newspaper man and Ohio. A strong effort was made by the with the words:

IN THE TENT OF MOURNING

The English accent was very pronounced. An invitation to her tent was accepted. Bending low, the writer entered through a narrow arch; but, once within, there was plenty of room to spare. At one end was a of blankets and straw, from which came the cries of a child but a few days old. A boy of 12 was taking care of a little girl about 2 years old. A stove, a few low stools and a broken chair were all the other was vitiated, and the oder of meals gone by was too plain to be relished.

The old lady took one child in her arms Union Line, this city: M. Riebenack, As-and endeavored to hush the complaints of sistant Controller; A. J. Gellingham, Asthe other, who finally got in such a position as to be unnoticed by its nurse. troubled her with complaints, at the same time slyly smiling at the reporter. The old lady then told the story of the young woman who had died.

They were English gypsies, and two brothers and their families had wandered up and down the roads and lanes of England for many years. William Stanley had a son; his brother, Richard, had a daughter. Both were about the same age, and, being thrown much together in their rovings, the young folk fell in love with one another. Each had a warm, passionate disposition, which brooked no interference. Three years ago last June the two families were camped in Somersetshire, England. The parents of Richard, who was Romany Rye, and of Annie as well, objected to the pair marrying so young. She was only 20.

THEY WERE PIRST COUSINS. Both listened to the words of their parents, but managed to meet and exchange vows of constancy and love. One day the parents of Richard left for a visit to friends near Bristol. Now was the time, thought young Dick, as he was commonly called. He and Annie hurried to Bridgewater and were married. Their parents were furious. The young couple did not return to their camp, but came to America and commenced a roving life.

Annie was a Gipsy beauty, tall and lithe, with raven hair; her eyes always twinkling and sparkling, and the roses on her cheeks never fading until touched by the finger of death. Her good humor and winning ways had won her a host of friends. Dick is a tall, well-formed Gipsy, quite handsome; and he loved his pretty young wife better than he loved his life.

Dick's father and mother and one child left for America as soon as they learned where their son had gone. On reaching the States all trace of their boy and his bonny bride was lost. True to their habits, they commenced to roam through the country. Four months passed, and yet no tidings of

The parents started on a circuit in a direction opposite to that the boy had taken. One day, while driving along a country road in the South, near Charleston, the two companies met each other. Since that time, for three years, they have traveled together. A child was born to Dick and Annie two

years ago. The party of nomads came to this city last December. Annie had been ill with the Here friends were to have met here at Christmas time, but they never came, and, since that time until her death, she

had bemoaned their tardiness. DEATH BIDS LIFE WELCOME

Last Friday evening a second child was born to Mrs. Stanley, a little girl. She became violently ill shortly afterward, and sank rapidly during the week. During all the days and nights of pain endured she kept continually calling for "Dick," her husband. Once she expressed the wish that her child be called after her mother, whose

A few kind neighbors from adjacent houses relieved the poor wanderer as much as possible in her last hours on this earth. Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning she became unconscious, only once rousing herself and calling for Dick. The little tent was at that hour illumi-

nated by a small oil lamp. Three women were about the bed on which the dying Gipsy moaned and tossed. Her husband and the others had retired for a short rest in an adjoining tent. The lamp of her life flickered more faintly than the other glim-

flickered more faintly than the other glimmer in the tent, as if loath to be forever extinguished. Outside, in the darkness of night, a heavy fog hung over the earth.

As the last moment approached the feather bed and pillow on which the woman rested were removed from under her, because of the superstition that the last agony is only prolonged by lying on a feather bed. On a couch of straw and blankets, in the gloomy tent, upon whose walls the lamp threw grotesque shadows; far from her home in "Merrie England;" with the husband for whom she had sacrificed home and kindred, lying exhausted in another tent from watching by her bedside; in her dying struggles, soothed only by the

MINISTRATIONS OF STRANGERS. Annie Stanley, the pride, the beauty of an English Gipsy camp, joined the innumerable caravan moving toward the halls of death. Death might, doubtless, come to its victim under sadder, chillier circumstances; but, doubtless, its messenger would shudder

neighboring farmer, who offered a room in which to lay the remains, and thence it will buried this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. E. R. Donehoo will pronounce the burial rites, as no Episcopal clergyman could be secured. The remains will be interred in Uniondale Cemetery.

As is their custom, the tent in which the

woman died was torn down at daybreak.
All her clothing, as well as the bed on which she died, was burned and the ashes were scattered to the winds. All other articles which belonged to her were likewise destroyed expent such as will be placed. destroyed, except such as will be placed beside her in her coffin. Rubbish has been strewn upon the ground on which stood the ent, so as to destroy all traces of the spot

tent, so as to destroy all traces of the spot having been occupied.

Dick Stanley and his father were absent yesterday, making arrangements for the funeral. The aged grandmother was feeding the child with milk, as she recited her pathetic story. As she neared the end, the woman broke down and sobbed pathetically while she leaned fondly over the older of the little girls who awayd by her grand. the little girls, who, awed by her grand-mother's serious expression, had crept to her side and began to cry in real earnest.

Poor Dick! He is broken-hearted; but He will wander up and down the earth, wedded only now to such a life as she loved, remembering only, in his hours of reflection, a scene sadder than any wherein crape on the door has fluttered its melancholy mes-sage to the outside world.

FANNY DAVENPORT'S SUPERSTITION. She Went to Washington by One Route

Her Company by the Other. A notice was posted in the lobby of the Grand Opera House late yesterday afterin the evening.

Miss Davenport certainly did not look ill, as she lounged lazily among the cush-ions in the drawing room of the Washington car on the rear end of the Pennsy Fas Line last night. She was having so much enjoyment conversing with a young man, wearing a tall silk hat and bedtick necktie, that she couldn't see the reporters. It is understood that her indisposition, coupled with a number of other disagreeable things she has had to suffer, made her lethargic. and she did not care whether "school kept or not."

A curious feature about Miss Davenport allowed her agent to take the latter over the Baltimore and Ohio road, while she went to Washington via the Pennsylvania. It is supposed that she is superctitious, in some way, regarding the former road. She came from New York via the Pennsylvania. officials of the latter road to get her to go via their line, but she positively refused, although that route is shorter and more

picturesque. RAILWAY ACCOUNTANTS.

A Number of Officials Returning Home From Their Convention.

A number of representatives to the meeting of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers at St. Louis arrived in the city last night on the special car Pick wick. Among the party were J. W. Renner, Assistant Controller; A. McElery, Auditor Freight Receipts Pennsylvania Com pany; J. T. Denniston, Auditor of the Star sistant Auditor of the Pennsylvania Rail-road, at Philadelphia; F. M. Bissell, Auditor of the Empire Line: Isanc McQuilken, Controller of the Lehigh Valley road, at

The object of the meeting was to consult and devise new forms for the proper and roads. The next meeting of the association will be held at Niagara Falls in June. Mr. W. F. Allen, editor of the Traveler's Official Guide, the authority on all railroad matters, accompanied the party.

TWENTY DOLLARS POORER.

A Young German Traveler is Robbed by Two Men on Liberty Street.

John Ebaugh, a young German, was robbed of about \$20 on Liberty street last evening. He purchased a watch in a Liberty street auction room and displayed his money in paying for it. Two men fol lowed him out of the room and stopped him on Liberty street, asking him to change a \$20 bill. He drew out his money to do so, when they grabbed it and ran, escaping in the crowd.

Ebaugh notified the police officers. De-tective McKelvy and Officer McTighe accompanied him to the auction room, but no trace of the men could be found. The ane tioneer refunded the man the \$8 he had paid for the watch.

Ebaugh was on his way from New York to St. Louis. The officers put him on the train before leaving him.

THE COMMITTEE SHUT OUT.

The Democratic City Committee Fail to Hold a Meeting.

The Democratic city committee were to have held a meeting in the Common Council chamber last evening, but when the members arrived they found the doors closed and the room in darkness. A meeting was held on the evening of January 19, ut it was adjourned without doing any

An effort was made to obtain permission from Chief Bigelow, but he could not be found. The Democrats are angry, and made some rather uncomplimentary remarks about the parties who had shut them out. It is not likely any further meetings will be

A BOY'S SUDDEN CALL. Killed While Standing on the Track at Mc-Candless Station.

John Shields, a boy of 14, residing on Gristen alley, was struck by an Allegheny Valley train while standing on the track at McCandless Station yesterday afternoon and died at the West Penn Hospital. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Alderman Nobbs was rather amazed last evening by the sudden entrance of a colored man, Harris, in undress uniform. Harris made a charge against Patrick Pendleton for larceny, alleging that Pendleton turned him out of his boarding house without allowing him to put on even enough of his clothes to meet the requirements of the TO SHUT THE HOTEL

The Monongahela House to Close Its Doors April 1.

LEASEHOLD RAISED TO \$22,000. Scraps From the Railway History of Mine

AN ENTIRE RENOVATION TO TAKE PLACE

Host Griscom.

For the first time in many years the doors of the historic Monongaliela House will be closed March 31, unless a new proprietor is found to take hold of the hotel between now and then. Colonel Griscom, the present proprietor, refuses to renew his lease at the rate of rent wanted, and will retire from the business April 1.

Since the death of the former proprietor of

the house, Mr. Crossan, the hotel has been owned by a stock company. Mr. John King, of this city, is at the head of the company, and they wish to close the house and make a number of needed re-pairs. Colonel Griscom leased the souse for five years at an annual rental of \$18,000. A short time ago the company decided that the natural growth of the city and the increased valuation of the property necessitated an advance in the rent. They accordingly raised it to \$22,000, but, when approached, Manager Griscom refused to pay this amount and renew his lease for the house. The company has since decided to close the house and reopen it in the fall. By that time they expect to have a tenant

at the increased price. TO BE LARGELY REMODELED. The hotel will be entirely overhauled and renovated in every respect. The old furniture, carpets, etc., will be sold at auction, and, when the house is reopened, it will be furnished entirely new. A number of changes will be made on the several floors, and a larger number of rooms for the permanent occupancy of private families will be made. The officer on the ground floor will also be

Mr. Griscom, the lessee of the hotel, is said to be tired of the business, and his friends claim he has lost considerable money within the past five years. It is said he is looking about him for a railroad position, and, if offered a place as an official with some good road, he will accept. He has held a number of responsible positions with different railroad companies, and has a good railroad record. ailroad record.

Mr. Griscom entered the railway service as a freight house clerk in the old Duquesne Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this city, in September, 1864. In the following year he was made station agent at Sedgewick, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Connells

ON THE FORT WAYNE. He remained there until July, 1872, when he became clerk to J. D. Layng, of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago road. In the following year he was promoted to the superintendency of the Eastern division, having charge of the line between Pittsburg and Crestline. Upon the retirement of Mr. Layng from the road, Colonel Griscom followed him, in 1881. In the follow ing December he went to the Chicago and Western Indiana road as General Manager, which position he held until August, 1883, when he accepted the position of General Superintendent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road. When the Pittsburg Chartiers and Youghiogheny road was built, in 1883, he was made Vice President of the

He entered the hotel business in 1885, and has been allowed to retain his position in the Chartiers road ever since. The duties of the office are not enough to keep a good

79 persons, in the capacities of chamber-maids, waiters, bellboys, porters, clerks, etc. About 35 guests permanently board at the

GAVE THEM ALL THEY WANTED.

The East End Electric Company Can String Peles and the Traction Roads Occupy Streets-Junction Ordinance Referred.

The Corporations Committee met yesterday afternoon and returned the following ordinances to Councils with an affirmative

A supplement to an ordinance granting the East End Electric Light Company the right to erect poles for the purpose of stringing and maintaining wires upon any and all streets in the city. An ordinance granting the Central Traction Company the right of way along cer-tain streets now occupied by the Transverse ompany. An ordinance granting the Central Passenger Railway Company the right of way along certain streets on the hill district; are ordinance repealing section 1 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting natural gas companies the right to lay pipes in streets and

An ordinance granting to the Pittsburg June An ordinance granting to the Pittsburg Junc-tion Railroad Company the right to construct tracks and buildings over Spring aliey, and to secure from said company its release of claims for damages by reason of opening of said alley, was referred to a committee consisting of Massrs. Ferguson, Johnston, Kearns, Magee and Treusch.

A resolution relative to the condition of Manor street, on the Southside, was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs McGen-

to a committee consisting of Messrs. McGoigle, Brophy, Elliot, Grimes and Williams, an

AT TURTLE CREEK ALSO.

The Burns Anniversary and How It Was Celebrated in a Suburb.

The one hundred and thirtieth anniversar of the celebrated poet, Robert Burns, was duly honored at Turtle Creek also by his countrymen. The meeting was presided over by Mr. John Gibson. Mr. A. Kidd fur nished the supper, which was elegant. Many national songs and recitations were given, setting forth the fertility of the bard's native brain, and showing the strong attachment of his country kinsfolk. The most noted singer were Mr. John Cochran and Mr. Adan

Youth and old age alike engaged in the Scotch reel and "Flowers of Edinburgh" until all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne.'

W. W. CALLERY NEARLY KILLED.

The Most Serious Accident Yet on th Citizens' Traction Line.

One of the most serious accidents which have yet occurred on the Citizens' Traction road took place last evening. W. W. Callery, Superintendent of the Winterton Polish Works, was driving a horse and buggy on Penn avenue, above the power house, about 6 o'clock, and was run into by an East End car. Mr. Callery was thrown from his buggy with considerable force a distance of ten feet, and received many severe bruises and a broken rib.

His horse was injured and will have to

HER APPEAL FROM WHITE CAPS.

be shot, and the buggy was broken into

splinters.

Homestend Woman Who Sceks the Pro tection of the Law.

Mrs. Rudolph, a woman living on Seventh avenue, Homestead, has received several threatening letters, warning her to change her mode of living or leave the place. The letters are signed "White Caps." The woman has appealed to the justice of the peace for protection.

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THE HEARING BEGINS.

The Voigt Case Commences—A Report From Harrisburg is the First Thing Offered in

Evidence. The hearing of Henry J. Voigt, the former cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank on the Southside, was commenced

at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the office of Alderman Schaefer on South Twelfth All the witnesses of the prosecution were present, and Mr. Voigt and his lawyer were also there. When the Alderman asked the usual question, whether the parties were ready to go on with the case, Mr. Ferguson requested a postponement until next Satur-day. The application was granted by the

legal representatives, but they excepted the charge for perjury. In this case it was explained to the reporter by Mr. Sorg. "We had to apply to the Auditor General in Harrisburg for the original report made by Mr. Voigt November 8, 1887, just before he left the bank.

"The Auditor General promised to send the paper by the Hon. D. E. Weaver, member of the Legislature for the Fifth district. He, at the same time, asked that gentle-man, however, to return the document again to-morrow morning."

This document was sworn to and signed by H. F. Voigt, in the presence of Alderman J. N. Jarrett. To testify to this fact, Mr. Jarrett was called as the first witness.

After that the original report was read, and compared with a printed report. A few typographical errors in the latter were corrected according to the original one. Then the written report was offered as evidence, and the printed one was held for future reference.

The prosecutors base their charge of per-

Just prosecutors oase their charge of per-jury upon the allegation that while in the report of November 8, 1887, Mr. Henry F. Voigt swore that the deposits amounted to \$280,087 00, they can prove that, according to the books, the deposits amounted to \$150,000 in excess of that sum. The examination of Mr. Weaver, testifying that that report had been handed to him by the Auditor General, terminated yester-

ay's proceeding.
It was rumored that Mr. Voigt would produce bail, but he failed to do so, and he re turned to jail. AN OLD IRON MAN'S DEATH.

Evans, a Veteran in the Business

Passes Away, Aged Over 74. John Evans, one of the oldest iron men Pittsburg, died Friday night, at his home on Oakland avenue. Mr. Evans was in his 75th year. For the past four years he has not been actively engaged in business, the weight of advancing years coming after a busy life, demanding freedom from care. While he enjoyed fairly good health he was not robust, and his demise was not entirely unexpected. The first signs of the approaching end were noticed some weeks ago, and then without any real illness he gradually sank away.

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Mr. Evans was a native of Cardiganshire,
Wales, but was brought to Pittsburg, when
little more than an infant by his parents,
who settled here in 1814. His whole life
was passed in the city. Thoroughly trained
in the practical workings of iron making, he
embarked in business for himself in 1865,
establishing a law mold view will at Sab. establishing a lap-weld pipe mill at Soho, where the plant of the Pennsylvania Tube Company is now located. The firm was Evans, Clow, Dalzell & Co. It was an experiment, as lap-weld mills had not succeeded in America up to that time, but the venture was carefully handled, and Mr. Evans' practical knowledge of iron making enabled him to successfully carry out his ideas. Business reverses caused a change in the control of the plant in 1878, and a short time after Mr. Evans organized the Volta Iron Company, whose works are located on Pike street. He remained with the company until his re-tirement from active business four years

ago.

Mr. Evans was one of the founders of the man busy.

The expenses of running a hotel like the Monongahela is something enormous. At present there are employed about the house or the man busy.

Mr. Evans was one of the founders of the man busy.

Dollar Savings Bank, and was one of the real estate, whether the real owner is named or not. And sale upon the same against the party assessed shall vest a good title in the purchaser. Now, no examination, however careearlier in life and was prominent in the control of the public schools for many years. He was one of the oldest members Masonic order in this district and had been given most of the honors that organization

estows on its members. Mr. Evans leaves a wife and five children. The latter are Mr. H. C. Evans, of New York; Mrs. William McLain and Mrs. J. . Masterton, of Johnstown: Mrs. Herman Mechling, of New York, and Mrs. J. A. McLure, of Pittsburg.

FOR THE REAL HAYSEEDS.

The Most Enormous Shipments of Agriculturnl Implements in Ohio. O. P. Gothlin, commercial agent of the

Wisconsin Central Railroad, will leave this evening for a few weeks' trip through Ohio to make arrangements for his share of the great volume of freight business out of that territory, which will begin to go in a few

weeks.

Mr. Gothlin will be followed by a number of Western road agents, and expects to see the ground swarming with railroad men from different lines in the West, South and Northwest. The annual enormous ship-ments of agricultural implements from the factories to the large jobbing houses is about to take place, and the early agent on the ground with the tariff sheets generally catches the freight.

It would be almost impossible to estimate the number of carloads of agricultural implements shipped out of Ohio between February 15 and November 1. This is the heaviest time of the year, although the business is good all the year round. The largest rake factory in the world is situated in Davton, and there are two other factories almost as large as the first. One of the three in Springfield is the second largest in the world. In the aggregate there are more harvesters made in Springfield than in any other city in the world.

The Western agents are also getting ready for the large shipments of glassware which will begin to move out of this city in about two weeks. Since the factories resumed work last August each firm has been stocking up until the warehouses are now over-

SKIPPED AGAIN.

The Widowed Mother of Amos Curley Wants Him Found and Returned. Little 13-year-old Amos Curley has run away again, and his ma wants him returned with care to 84 Alpine avenue.

Amos is 13, small for his age, and wears a navy blue coat, pleated down the front and back, and wears a woolly sort of cap. He also wears a scar on his forehead and a patch on his left knee.

HOMESTEAD HAS IT ALSO.

The Worry About Increasing Indebted for Improvement Extends.

Primaries for nominating candidates to fill the Homestead berough offices are called for next Saturday evening, in the public school houses. Great interest is being cen-tered in the coming election on account of the proposed increase of indebtedness by \$50,000 for street improvement, and many for street improvement, and many prominent citizens are out for office

RIDGE BECKWITH DEAD.

One of the Few Popular Passenger Conductors Passes Away Suddenly. Ridge Beckwith, one of the few popular passenger conductors of the Pennsylvania

Railroad, died very suddenly yesterday at his residence in Wilkinsburg. For the past three weeks he has been ill, and it is supposed that sudden heart action carried AT 18c a yard, 50 pieces stripes and checks; choice spring effects.

HUGUS & HACKE.

REFORM MUST COME. A REMARKABLE GATHERING.

ome of the Best Educated Specialists in the World to Visit Pittsburg and Her The Municipal Tax Lien Said by Various Industries. Lawvers to be a Necessity. On Thursday and Friday of this week the

JUDGE FETTERMAN TELLS WHY.

Old Errors of Assessment That Might be Annoying 200 Years Hence.

ANOTHER LAWYER GIVES HIS REASONS

Senator Newmyer's bill, now pending in the Legislature, requiring the revival of municipal liens every five years, is stirring up discussion in this city only second to the submission of the liquor prohibition amend-ment to the State Constitution, especially among lawyers, who, from the nature of their business, are more alive to the exigencies of the situation than other people. Ex-Judge Fetterman gives some cogent reasons why the bill should pass, the main one being, as he puts it, to cure the possibility of a recurrence of past negligence in the City Assessor's office. Mr. Fetterman cited a case where a large property in the city had been assessed for ten years in the name of a man whose wife owned all the property. Now the mischief is to pay. The family has been selling lots for many years, and, from time to time, the municipal liens have been released, until the property has been narrowed down to 13 acres, against which stand \$1,400

certainty. He also tells of another case where a woman bought property and has paid the taxes upon it for six or seven years, and yet the property has been regularly assessed to the person from whom she bought, and she is put to the expense of having the matter righted, as, though the taxes have been paid, they still encumber.

MR. FETTERMAN COMPLAINS that City Councils have been authorizing

the City Attorney and Delinquent Tax Col-lector to release liens, and not only so, but a mere clerk in the Delinquent Tax Collec-tor's office has been doing what an attorney cannot do. He takes the ground that Councils have not the right to allow the City So-licitor to do it, let alone a clerk in the afore-named Tax Collector's office. So loosely has the matter been attended to, says Mr. Fetterman, that more taxes have been lost

in the last ten years than are now on the Delinquent Tax Collector's list.

Mr. Fetterman's exposition was given at such a rate of speed, he only having two and a-half minutes from the opening until his departure for home, that the writer did not comprehend him as fully as desired; but the following, from another lawyer, who re-fused to allow the use of his name, will make the subject more clear. Said he:

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There is quite a howl raised by city officials relative to an act of Assembly before the Legislature, compelling the revival of municipal liens every five years. No one can better appreciate the benefits contemplated by this act than one who is engaged in the examination of titles. Judgments expire in five years, and why should municipal liens continue indefinitely! Have we not at the present time four attorneys: Messrs, Moreland, Burleigh, Carnahan and House, with good salaries, looking after the city's interest, besides private counsel who are frequently called in to assist?

Now, can't these officials take a little time from their other businesses to attend to the revival of these liens. It is a very unsafe thing to allow any lien to be of unlimited duration.

AN AWFUL OUTLOOK. Two hundred years from this time a munici brance on the property if the present law is continued; besides the law abhors perpetuities. Section 12 in the act of 1867, relative to delinquent taxes, should also be amended. It is

For instance, John Jones negotiates to buy a piece of property from Thomas Smith. Jones employs an attorney who examines the title and reports that it is all right. Jones pays the consideration and gets a deed. After being in processing ten years there is an execution. consideration and gets a deed. After being in possession ten years there is an execution issued on a municipal lien against the property entered in the name of Mary O'Brien, although no one by the name of O'Brien ever had a title to the property. Jones, of course, is very much excited and rushes to his attorney, who tells him that, according to the act of Assembly, he can't avoid paying off the execution, and that it was not his (the attorney's) fault that the lien was overlooked, no such name being in the chain of title. Well, Jones pays the lien off. Smith, the granter, has no property, and it would be useless to sue him, and Jones is without redress. This is not overdrawn, as just such cases have arisen in our courts. just such cases have arisen in our courts.

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Another fact I would wish to call attention to, and that is when a deed is left with the City Eugineer to show a change of title he does not report it to the Assessor's office, and frequently the first intimation a party has of his taxes being due is a writ of execution from the Sheriff. Sheriff.

I have frequently observed that property has been sold for city taxes marked unknown owner. I believe from the wording of the act that the Delinquent Tax Collector has no authority to sell property in this manner.

It is his business to make inquiries and find an owner or a supposed owner. I would suggest that a limit of five years be placed on all taxes, city, county and State, unless revived in the meantime.

By-the-by, outsiders consider it a very simple matter to examine titles. Well, only those who examine them can tell the length of time, the worry and the liability to make mistakes which occur in their examinations.

ILLUSTRATING THE CASE. F. S. Bennett, Esq., added something of further interest to the above. He called attention to the municipal liens filed against East End property under the Penn avenue act, which the Supreme Court sat down upon. An attempt was made by some of the beneficiaries to have these liens stricken off, but the Supreme Court refused to grant relief as in common parlance, it looked relief as, in common parlance, it looked somewhat cheeky for a beneficiary to make the request. [These are not Mr. Bennett's words, but they express the idea.] Well, it is not impossible that these liens, though not lawful or collectible, may be a cloud on East End titles for 50, 100, or even 200 years, working harm to subsequent purchasers, and in the lapse of time when an attempt is made to dissipate that cloud, it may be a very difficult matter to show why they are illegal, as the reasons on which the Supreme Court based its decision may not at that lapse of time e understandable. It may puzzle posterity to show that at the time these improve-ments were made the land was agricultural and impossible of improvement under urban regulations. At the time the old Court House was burned there were many records destroyed and it is easy to under stand how such matters may have been complicated thereby. The sooner the mat-ter is rectified the less will be the expense

and trouble. By the way, a real estate dealer desires to know what becomes of the taxes assessed on these liens. He states that he pays it for

Foreign Gems in Pittsburg. There will be on exhibition Monday and Tuesday a superb collection of water colors at S. Boyd & Co.'s, on Wood street. The prettiest gems of such foreign masters as John Varley, Maillart, Donadini, Isla, Valpa and Mile. Guyon and Mile, Adrien are in the collection; also etchings of William Hole, R. S. A.

Not Like Last Year. Mr. Morris Mead calls attention to the nistorical fact that in January, 1888, there were more fire alarms than in any other ganized. This month, so far, shows a light

Says He Didn't Say. Mr. J. Cahill says he did not say Mr.

technic Institute of Troy, N. Y., will enter tain their fellow graduates in this city. This institution is the oldest engineering school in the country, having been established by Stephen Van Rensselaer in 1824. Among its graduates are numbered many men o ominence, not only in the engineering, but other professions. Among the most noteworthy are James Hall, New York State Paleontologist; George B. Roberts, A. J. Cassatt, the Wilson brothers and Theo. N. Ely, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; the Roeblings, C. C. Martin and Francis Collingwood (of East river bridge fame); William Metcalf, of this city; A. P. Boller, Charles McDonald, Thomas C. Clark and Edwin Thacher, prominent bridge builders; W. H. Burr, De Volson Wood, S. Edward Warren and William S. Auckincloss, prominent authors of scientific works.

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Pittsburg graduates of the Rensselaer Poly-

The institute has an alumni association here of 65 members, and it is noteworthy that nearly the entire Pennsylvania Railroad management, from President Roberts down, is made up from its graduates.

The form of entertainment will consist of excursions upon both days. On Thursday special trains upon the Fort Wayne, West Penn and Allegheny Valley Railroads will take the visitors to see the Davis Island Dam, the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works at Tarentum, waterworks pumping engines. Tarentum, waterworks pumping engines Brilliant, Keystone Bridge Works, Content Steel Works, Phoenix Roll Steel Works, Citizens' Traction Company's power house, and the Westinghouse Electric Company's works.

of taxes, and the liens remain a shadow on On Friday a special train on the Pitts the titles of all the property sold and it is burg, McKeesport and Youghiogheny Rail-road will convey them up the Monougahela valley, giving them an opportuni-ty to visit the Oliver & Roberts Wire Mill, McKee's Window Glass Works, impossible for a lawyer to find them with Jones & Laughlins' American Iron Works, Homestead Steel Works, Edgar Thomson Steel Works and National Tube Works at

McKeesport.
The kindness of the firms and individuals having charge of the above establishments will no doubt be greatly appreciated, and their visitors will return to their homes in all quarters of the United States with a fair idea of the greatness of Pittsburg's in-

After the pleasures of the trip an elegant banquet, after the best style of the Old Monongahela, will take place upon Friday evening. Special menu cards of original design have been prepared. About 125 alumni will be here, and nearly all classes back as far as 1832 will be represented.

The members of the various committees who have charge of the affair are William Metcalt, Edmund Yardley, A. B. Starr, A. P. Kirtland, George Davidson, W. G. Wilkins, F. C. Osborn, G. Kaufmann, G.

THANKS AWFULLY, GENTLEMEN. One Pittsburg Editor Who Will be Unable

W. G. Ferris, H. M. Wilson, J. D. Hail-man, E. C. Shankland and W. F. Gronau.

to Attend a Southern Fair. A pretty envelope, addressed to the maniging editor, was received last night and topped en route by the vigilant office boy, who feared it was loaded. It concealed an invitation to the "East-Carolina-Fish-Oyster-Game-and - Industrial

Association-of - New-Berne-North - Carolina - Comearoundto-morrowandgettherestofthename-Fair." This looks like an alias for a plain oyster fair, but if the association guarantees that the editor gets the long-lost oyser, he will start to-night, and probably ar rive there in time for the show on February 19, or, if they throw him one end of the name and pull in the other, he may arrive there somewhat earlier. In the absence of any data he thanks the Southern gentleman most kindly, and will probably remain here awhile and try and get along with blue points, escalloped, a la natural gas, and the Pittsburg Exposition.

To an oyster supper in North Carolina-

THE AWFUL VERDICT. Dimmy Convicted of Murder in the First Degree for Killing Miller. A tragical moment was that vesterday

when the jury in the Dimmy case, after an absence of but 45 minutes, brought in a ver dict of murder in the first degree. A verdict of murder in the second degree was expected by all apparently, as astonishment seemed to be the uppermost emotion outside of the tears and fear expressed by the mother of the prisoner upon hearing

the awful verdict. In the opinion of the lawyers present, the charge of Judge Collier to the jury was one of the most concise, clear and open ever made in the Allegheny courts. He explained the different grades of killing, and said the very essence of crime constituting murder in the first degree was when one man kills another "willfully, deliberately and

with premeditation. When the verdict was read Dimmy trembled so violently he could scarcely stand. It is expected his counsel, Messrs. Marshall and Reardon, will move for a new

trial before the five days' limit has expired. FAVORABLE REPORTS RECEIVED. The Old Soldiers Hold a Meeting in th

Mayor's Office. The old soldiers held a meeting in th Mayor's office last evening to take action regarding the bill now pending before the Legislature providing for the giving of the preference for situations in public offices to old soldiers. Mr. John A. Reed, who has just returned from Harrisburg, said everything looked favorable, and that the bill would become a law. A resolution was adopted providing tha

those present introduce the matter in their various soldier organizations, and have resolutions passed requesting the members of the Legislature to favor the bill as amended. The amendment, which has not yet been made, establishes a penalty for failing to comply with provisions of the measure. As it now reads the appointment is not obliga-

PROHIBITION TALKS.

Traveler Says He Knows Prohibition Does

Prohibit in Kausas. Rev. G. I. Gordon, of Dayton, O., passed through the city yesterday en route East. While at the Union station he said that prohibition had prohibited in Kansas and there was no reason why it should not do so

Colonel L. F. Cole, of Arkansas, who is these liens. He states that he pays it for many of his patrons, but cannot find to what purpose it is applied.

stumping the State for prohibition, said yesterday that the fight would be very bitter between the Prohibitionists and the

> A NEW P'MICKY DEPOT. Homestend Rejoices in a Freight Hous

Worthy of the Place. The Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghiougheny Railroad Company has just finished the building of a new freight depot at Homestead. It is adjacent to the passenger station. The building is 100 feet long by 35 feet wide, and has long platforms on either side for handling freight. It is also

approached by sidings on each side. It is substantially built and well finished.

A Small Allegbeny Fire. A defective flue caused a slight fire at the Cyclorama laundry, at the corner of Irwin and North avenue. Allegheny, about 8 Mr. J. Cahill says he did not say Mr.

McMichaels was a dishonest man at the Sixth ward meeting Friday night. He says he said "he affiliates with the ring."

o'clock last evening. An alarm was turned in the floor of the building, and the damage will not exceed \$15.

SECRETARY ALLISON.

Congressman Lawler Says He Will Get the Treasury Portfolio.

Why the Old Iowa Senator Avoided the Pittsburg Reporters.

A CIRCUITOUS ROUTS TO INDIANAPOLIS

Congressman Lawler, of Chicago, the well-known exponent of Democratic ideas to the Socialists and other Democrats on the Westside of the "Windy City," passed through the city last night on his way home from Washington. He was called away suddenly from the capital by a telegran from his wife announcing the death of his mother-in-law.

Congressman Lawler was accompanied from Washington to Harrisburg by Senators Allison, of Iowa, and Cullom, of Illinois. The two Senators got off the train at Harris-burg ostensibly for the purpose of cutting across the country to another road in order to avoid the Pittsburg reporters. Senator Allison was called to Indianapolis by President-elect Harrison and left Wash ington unobserved. It is supposed that the two Senators took a Philadelphia and Erie train to Erie, and then went over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern to Sandusky and then down the Erie and Big Four to

This would take them many miles out of their way; but Senator Allison will be sat-isfied it he does not run up against the in-terviewer. On his last trip through the city he said the next time he had occasion to come this way he would go around Pitts-burg on horseback. Congressman Lawler

REAL COMPENSATION.

said:

It is the opinion of a great many Congressmen around Washington that Allison will be Secretary of the Treasury. His well-known views on finance and his long experience on financial committees admirably fits him for the position. He is a good man and thoroughly qualified for the position.

Wanamaker does not stand any show of getting into the Cabinet. Mr. Harrison paid him a great compliment by calling him to Indianapolis to ascertain what the Republicans of New York wanted. It is a pretty well accepted fact in Washington that Blaine will be Secretary of State. If he wasn't going into the Cabinet, do you suppose he would move to Washington to live?

NEW MAN FOR THE NAVY.

NEW MAN FOR THE NAVY. I think that Congressman Thomas, of Illinois will be the next Secretary of the Navy. He has made a special study of the matter, and furnished much valuable information to the pres-ent Secretary on vessels. He is a first-class draughtsman of sea craft, especially war vessels, and possesses everything necessary to fit him for the position. I might say in regard to Blaine that the devil will be to pay if he isn't in the Cabinet, and the devil will be to pay if he is left out.

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One reason for Allison going into the Cabinet is the fact that he is a Western man. Presidents are about awakening to the fact that there is a West to this glorious country, and it forms a small factor in national elections. Another compliment to the West will be the selection or Joe Cannon, of Illinois, as Speaker of the House. He is the Republican fighter, and will undoubtedly be elected. McKinley, Reed, Burroughs, Butterworth and Henderson, of Iowa, are conceded to be almost out of the race. Cannon is a man of experience. He is one of the best Parliamentarians in the House and would make an excellent Speaker. No, there will be no extra session of Congress this trip. The only persons who are urging an extra session are the candidates for Speaker, the hotel proprietors and the enterprising newspaper correspondents.

Well-Attended Mute Entertalament at

the Allegheny County Almshouse. A unique and exceedingly interesting

PANTOMIME PERFORCE.

spectacle was that presented at the Alle-

gheny County Almshouse, when about half a score of mutes gave a performance yesterday evening, which certainly would have been creditable to persons normally endowed. The performers, who, by the way, are pupils of the Wilkinsburg School for Mutes, were greeted by an audience of about 300 persons, mostly inmates of the Home, while here and there were scattered a few curious visitors. It was amusing and pitiful at the

same time to notice how the inmates watched the proceedings. Some 50 there were, from whom the light of reason had departed, causing them to look on with the wonder and delight of infants.

Superintendent Rolshause having made a short address of welcome, the curtain flew back, revealing a number of sturdy young men, who delighted the audience with a series of very clever acrobatic tricks. Then came several short farces and all so well carried out by means of gesture instead of speech, as to cause a murmur of astonishment Next came half a dozen of well. executed tableaux, representing Indian life

on the plains, thus closing an evening which had been enjoyed by all.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

A Farmer Fatally Injured by a Horse Over in Allegheny Last Evening. John Towers, a farmer living about six miles from Allegheny, on the Perrysville road, met with a very peculiar accident last evening which may prove fatal. He came to town yesterday to take a horse belonging to Joseph Horne to his farm where it was to be cared for until spring. Mr. Towers was riding in a buck wagon, and after securing the horse he fastened it to the rear of the wagon and started for home.

When the corner of Irwin and Western

avenues was reached the horse he was lead-ing became excited and sprang into the wagon knocking Mr. Towers out and tramp He was taken to the Mayor's office in the patrol wagon and a physician was sum-moned. It was found that his skull was

fractured and he was promptly removed to the Allegheny Hospital. Late last night the physicians in attendance pronounced his condition critical and said there were but slight hopes for his recovery.

A SIMPLE CURE.

A Real Estate Man's Method of Checking Exaggerating Friends. A Lawrenceville real estate agent has a novel method of checking those who rent houses from him when they are about to exaggerate the facts. He cannot tell them to their faces that Ananias was held in great disrepute for indulging in the same habit that they have; but, to have the same effect upon them he has a card, bearing in large etters the following simple but effective

sentence: "The Lord hates a Liar."

It is placed in such a position that it can-not escape the notice of his customers, and he says it has an excellent effect. Captain John Davis Dying. Captain John Davis, an old and wellknown steamboat captain and pilot, is lying dangerously ill at his home, in Cornopolis, on the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Railroad.

From the Ladies The ladies of the Fifth and Sixth wards, Allegheny, will present a beautiful silk flag to Farragut Council No. 146, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Wagner's Hall, Tuesday night.

His physician pronounces his case hopeless and his death is hourly expected.

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A NEW ZEALAND EFFORT.

Rescued Heathen Tells All That He Knows About An Ostrich.

The following copy of a composition of a New Zealand boy on the subject of "What Do You Know About An Ostrich?" was received by a lady in this city from a friend WANAMAKER WILL NOT GET THERE in England, who takes an active part in

missionary work: The ostrich is an African animal that lives on sand and generally hunts on horseback. The female makes a nest in the sand, which is simply a deep hole, and then the male lays in it 10 or 12 eggs, which he hatches, for making ornaments and for food for his family. These eggs chase their parent all over the desert, till he is quite tired, poor fellow! The three tail feathers of this ostrich form

the motto "I serve," and they belong to the Prince of Wales, who is also fond of these tall feathers. This ostrich is often used for drink-ing cups and other various amusements; but it is chiefly valued for the beautiful feathers, which are found on his legs—and those that grow on the egg shell.

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The first of April we make another change which will double the size of our salesroom. Then we will have ample room

A big bargain in evaporated fruits. Cali-A big bargain in evaporated fruits. California peaches, two pounds, 25c. They are new and bright—you can buy no better. California egg plums only 10c per pound. These are mammoth in size, rich and juicy. A little whirl on cheese — "Just for luck." Good cream cheese, four pounds 25c.

Let me give you a pointer on "tea." As there is a chance of the whole State "going dry," it might be a good scheme to taper of

gradually. Let me recommend my Cum-shaw mixture. It is a genuine old country blend of teas, guaranteed to reach the right spot every time. Send for weekly price list, and order by mail. Orders amounting to \$10, without counting sugar, packed and shipped free of charge to any point within 200 miles. Give me a trial. I will save you money.

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